

## House Resolution 1069

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Talton of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Frazier of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, Williams of the 89<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Melvalina "Lina" D. Canion; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of a young bright rising star, Ms.  
3 Melvalina D. Canion, on February 18, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a native of Warner Robins, Georgia, Ms. Canion was born August 10, 1984, the  
5 beloved daughter of Rosemary Sturn Fuller and Eugene Canion; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Houston County High School, Ms. Canion attended Middle  
7 Georgia Technical College where she displayed a fierce spirit of independence; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Ms. Canion was a member of Meditation  
9 Prayer Tower Church in Kathleen, Georgia, uplifting the congregation with her beautiful  
10 voice in the choir and serving as a youth leader; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she had a distinguished career in customer service for FabriCare of Warner  
12 Robins, but her greatest accomplishment was her young son, Jaylon, who she cherished and  
13 was absolutely devoted to; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Ms. Canion was always full of life and remained positive in the toughest of  
15 times, providing others with a warm smile and encouraging them with her compassionate and  
16 embracing spirit; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
18 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
19 her family and friends was admired by others; and

20 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
21 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and, by the example she made of her life,  
22 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

23 WHEREAS, she is survived by her mother, Rosemary Sturn Fuller; her father, Eugene  
24 Canion; her son, Jaylon Canion; her life mate, Herman Smith; her brother, Lazarus Fuller;  
25 her sister, Shenica F. Hill; along with two stepchildren, grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces  
26 and nephews, cousins, and a host of other relatives; and

27 WHEREAS, Ms. Canion will long be remembered for her love of music, reading, and  
28 dancing, and this loyal daughter, mother, sister, companion, and friend will be missed by all  
29 who had the great fortune of knowing her.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Ms. Melvalina "Lina" D.  
32 Canion and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Melvalina  
35 "Lina" D. Canion.